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Study Group for developmental of SSI

†1360. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since received the report of the Study Group Constituted for the development of small scale industries; and

(b) if so, the recommendations of the study group and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The major recommendations of the study group include a three tier definition for small enterprises, a comprehensive law for the sector, including simplification of procedures, continuation of reservation, selective enhancement of investment limit, creation of corpus for infrastructural development and incubation centres, improving flow of credit, through raising limit of composite loans, various financial and fiscal measures such as raising excise exemption limit and other measures, schemes for technology upgradation, marketing etc. A number of the recommendations of the Study Group have since been implemented through comprehensive policy package for the SSI Sector announced on 30th August, 2000. The other recommendations of the Study Group constitute a basis for the formulation of the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Women entrepreneurs in SSI in Andhra Pradesh

1361. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey about the number of women entrepreneurs in SSI Sector in Andhra Pradesh, as on date;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) fields in which the women entrepreneurs are engaged; and

(d) what initiatives Government have taken to encourage these women entrepreneurs in the State so that other women are also encouraged to established their ventures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) As reported by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, there are at present 2537 units set up by women entrepreneurs in the State mainly in the fields of agro products, food processing and consumer products.

(d) While development of Small Scale Industries including those of women, entrepreneurs in the States is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments, the Central Government has been helping the States including Andhra Pradesh in their endeavour by supporting various schemes such as organising Entrepreneurship Development Programmes (EDPs), Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, Trade Related Entrepreneurship Assistance and Development (TREAD), Mahila Udyam Nidhi and Mahila Vikas Nidhi, run by Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) etc. As part of its efforts to promote women entrepreneurs in the State, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has established a separate Industrial Estate at Gajularamaram, Rangareddy, District for facilitating setting up of industries exclusively by Woman entrepreneurs.

Unmanned mission to the moon

†1362. SHRI R. P. GOENKA:

SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Space Research Organisation plans to launch an unmanned mission to the moon during the next decade at an estimated cost of Rs. 350 crores; and

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